In the House.

The Senate adjourned until te-morrow.

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(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON. D. C., Dec. 18.—The House to-day, by resolution, authorized the Committee on Expenditure in the Postoffice Department to request the Postoffice Department to request the Postoffice with the papers in connection with the recent postoffice investigation, but not until after a lively debate. The resolution met with opposition on the Republican side. Mr. Oversireet (Republican, Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, contended that the information south had been received from the Postoffice Department and mailed to members.

Mr. Wanser (Republican, Pennsylvania), chairman of the Committee on Postoffice Expenditures, held that the desired information was essential to his committee in consideration of the measures affecting the Postoffice Department.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, renewed his effort to substitute a resolution providing that the information berquested by the House instead of a committee, but the previous question before one practically a party vote, he had no opportunity to offer his substitute.

Mr. Williams asked if the majority fourth.

stitute.

Mr. Williams asked if the majority were afraid the work of their own Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General would make good campaign material. He asked Mr. Overstreet if it was true that Mr. Bristow had stated before the Postoffice Committee that his report had been celled.

Mr. Overstreet replied that Mr. Bris-tow had not made any such statement before his committee or to him person-

before his committee or to him feetonally.

Mr. Williams asked further if all the Information had been sent to the committee, Mr. Overstreet replying that the report of Mr. Bristow, made public by the committee, was just as it had been made to the Postmaster-General.

It required the Speaker's vote to order the previous question, the year and may vote resulting in a tie. On a year and nay vote the resolution was agreed to—loo to 100—the minority voting practically unanimously with the friends of the measure on the Republican side.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

Treaty is Ratified.

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WABHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate, in executive session, ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commorate relations" between the United States and China No opposition was manifested by any senator to the treaty, though Mr. Nelson (Republican, Mirm, made a long speech in which he contention as making insufficient provision as making insufficient provision. The trade of the the hand of Russia had been shown against this country making it impossible for the United States to receive the concessions needed in the way of our ports. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs, and warned the hand country over the Manchurian (left).

with that country over the sixed the question.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, urged the importance of having the treaty ratified at once and saying that the State Department considered immediate action as essential. He declared that the ratification probably would have a bearing on the settlement of the the far eastern question. There was no division on the metion to ratify.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

Mountebank and Sarah Maxim Were Winning Favorites.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 18.-Mountebank and Sarah Maxim were the winning faverites to-day. Sadduccee was well of C. E. Burnett and Company, Jockey

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Livingston and the horse Bengal, has
been raised. Summaries:
First race—Seven furlongs—Mountebank
(1 to 4) first, Talhoet (13 to 1) second,
Jim Ferin (25 to 1) third. Time, 1:28 2-5.
Second race—Belling, five and one-half
furlongs—Sadducce (4 to 1) first, Palmist (6 to 2) second, Tommy Foster (7 to
1) third. Time, 1:07 1-5.
Third race—Selling, mile and oneeighth—Sarah Maxim (8 to 5) first, Bogone (40 to 1) second, Sidney Sabbath (15
to 1) third. Time, 1:16 2-5.
Fourth race—Handleap, six furlongs—
Dr. Stephens (25 to 1) first, Vanness (4)

Dr. Stephens (25 to 1) first, Vanness (4 to 1) second, Travers (30 to 1) third. Time,

1:1-4.
Fifth race—Selling, one and one-fourth miles—Tho Bobby (4 to 1) first, Mary Moore (100 to 1) second, M. Huyward Hunter (11 to 5) third. Time, 2:10.
Sixth race—Six furiongs—Footlight Favorite (8 to 1) first, Mordella (7 to 2) second, Overhand (25 to 1) third. Time, 1:16.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW. Holiday and Retail Business is Seasonably Active.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Bradstreet's to-

rade correspondingly weak, while manufasturing industry slackens partly for the above reasons, but also because of low water in streams or efforts to readjust operation to changed conditions of demand and supply. Cold weather is still an important stimbus to heavy watering apparament of the still and important stimbus to heavy watering apparament of the still and important stimbus to heavy watering apparament of the still and important stimbus to heavy watering apparament of the still apparament in the still and important stimbus to heavy watering apparament the still apparament of the still apparament in the still apparam

College Winter Term.

The Richmond College Builetin for December entains the aumouncements for the winter

The opening of the winter term. December

Ent, offers unusual opportunities to students and the college in September," says the newsy little paper.

The president, Dr. F. W. Boatwright, makes the following comments on the past months of this session: "The fall term has been noteworthy for health, hard work and good order. No student has been ill, and the general nealth of the college has been process from the classes. The student bdy has been joyal to the best idealy of college life, and has manifested admirable spril de corpe."

Scrofula

Makes its presence known by many signs,-glandular tumors, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears. catarrh and wasting diseases. Hood's Sarsaparilla Effects permanent cures.

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got away from cravats of the skimpy, stringy school, it has given manufactur-ors an opportunity to introduce rarely beautiful effects not hitherto attainable, especially in Squares, Ascots and Onco-

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LEGISLATURE MAY FAIL OF QUORUM

Many Members Are Thought to Have Returned to Their Homes.

The hotel lobbics last night presented a deserted appearance compared with the evening before, and with the foreevening before, and with the love-noon and early afternoon. On Thurs-day the members of the Sinte Committee and the colorts of the rival factions of the Norfolk De-mocracy were everywhere in evidence. Last night almost without exception, they mecracy were everywhere in evidence. Last night almost without exception, they had all gone to their homes. Thursany night advocates and opponents of the oyster bill then nearing its fate in the Senate were busy keeping their forces in line and making a last effort to make converts for or against the bill. Last night all had disappeared, and the utmost quiet prevailed. In fact, many mombers of the Legislature had gone to their homes for the Sunday, and it is doubtfut that there will be a quorum present in both houses to-day.

Delegate S. Wilkins Mathews, of Accomac, and Senator J. Boyd Scars, of Mathews, two foremost opponents of the Jordan bill and the Keezell substitute, are still in the city and were at Murphy's for a few minutes, both screen and sailsfied with the victory won. Senator

for a few minutes, both screen and satisfied with the victory won. Senator Walker was another strong factor in attaining the result, Perhaps to no man is more of the responsibility for the failure of the cyster bill due than to Delegate Mathews, of Accomac. Though not a speaker, he is one of the most popular and warmly esteemed men in either House, and by his personal offorts and influence, has wen many votes against influence, has wen many votes against the measure. Mr. Mathews retires after this term, but with the satisfaction of having had an influential, if inconspicuous

this term, but with the satisfaction or having had an influential, it inconspicuous part in defeating legislation to which his constituents were strenuously opposed.

Several members of the Senate who had no interest in the bill, and were unable to get at the wisest course by reason of the conflicting statements and claims made in debate, finally decided on account of their friendship for "Matty," as he is familiarly called to yote against the he is familiarly called to vote against the

bill.

The delegate from Accomac was seated alone in a big arm chair beside a Eroad Street window of the hotel lobby last night, quietly watching the crowds go by outside, but in his screnest mood. Earlier in the evening he had been congratulated on all sides.

Holiday and retail business generally is seasonably active; wholesule and jobbing trade correspondingly week while manual trade correspondingly week while manual trade correspondingly week while manual trade corresponding

A most happy occasion was that of the Christmas entertainment of the Smithdeal 89-

IMPORTANT MATTER TO CORPORATIONS

The State Corporation Commission have saued a circular calling attention to a nost important provision of the Consti-tuion in relation to corporations, both foreign and dmestic, which are required to pay their registration fees under heavy to pay their registration tees under neary penatties prior to March 1st, 1904. A failure to comply with the provision sub-jects the delinquents to a fine of from \$25 to 1909 and each Influre of thirty days constitutes a separate offense.

The communion of he Lord's Supper will celebrated at the First English Lutteran Church to-morrow morning at 11 or clock.

Santa Claus Letters. Several pages of The Sunday Times-Dispatch will be filled with children's letters to Santa Claus. Hundreds of them have been received and they will be found of interest to old and young.

Mrs. Freidhoff's Funeral. The funeral of Mrs. M. W. Freidhoff will take place from the residence of her daughter. Mrs. A. O. Goodman, No. 701 Mosky Street, at 2 F. M. to-day, instead of 3 o'clock.

A Pistol Found. Sergeant Holdcroft has at the Second Police Station a pistol which he picked up at Seventh and Broad. The owner can get it by pro-ing

Series of Meetings. A series of meetings will begin to morrow at Hasker Memorial Church, the pastor being assisted by Rev. Dr. W. W. Royall.

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Barthold, T. Gentry;
Everett, Miss A. Pondision; Hoffman, W.
Gray; York, T. G. Leath, J. S. Mazen.

RICH FIELD OF HISTORY

An Eloquent and Profound Address is Delivered by Bishop Randolph.

CAPT. M'CABE IS RE-ELECTED

Again Chosen Head of the Virginia Historical Society-Annual Report Presented.

The cultured men and women who went to the Y. M. C. A. hall last night expected to hear from Bishop A. M. Randolph a superb address-and they were not disappointed.

Bishop Randolph, speaking to the Virginia Historical Society upon its annual meeting, was particularly happy in the selection of his theme. No man in the State is better able to discuss the "Educative Function of Historical Studies" than this distinguished prelate. His au dience. If it had been one of his own choosing, could not have been more appreciative. For an hour or more this illigent student, this profound thinker

diligent student, this profound thinker and most attractive speaker, drew his hearers after him by powerful, though unseen, cords, over the rich fields of history, past and present, whither his fancy led.

The audience rose as one man in giving the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the address, and many pressed forward to grasp the speaker's hand in congratulation. Such actions were spontaneous and natural. and natural,

annual report of Captain W. Gor don McCabe was a most informing paper. Captain McCabe reviewed the work of



BISHOP A. M. RANDOLPH.

the society during the past year con-cleely and interestingly, and the organi-zation set the stamp of its approval upon his administration by promptly and unan-imously re-electing him president.

Distinguished Company. Distinguished Company.

The audience which greeted the two speakers of the evening was a compliment to them. Among the prominent men present were Colonel Archer Anderson. Mr. Edward V. Valentine, the eminent sculptor; Rev. E. L. Goodwin, Rev. William Meade Clark, Secretary Frank P. Brent, of the State Board of Education; Dr. T. C. Joinson, of the Union Theological Seminary; Hon. John P. Kennedy, Dr. Robert Strange, rector of historic St. Paul's Church; Dr. Edward Leigh Pell. Dr. Benjamin Blako Minor, one-time owner and editor of the Southern Lite-Paul's Church; Dr. Edward Leigh Pell, Dr. Benjamin Blako Minor, one-time owner and editor of the Southern Literary Messenger; Hon. Beverly B. Munford, Rev. James W. Morris, Dr. Russell Cecil, Dr. W. R. L. Smith, Hon. Henry R. Pollard, Mr. J. S. Moore, Dr. Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mr. John Stewart Bryan, Rev. R. A. Goodwin, rector of historic St. John's Church; Dr. J. William Jones, author and historian; Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Hon. D. C. Richardson, Mr. William G. Stanard, and many others. President McCabe presented his report a few minutes after \$0'clock. He showed from the books of the treasurer a balance on hand November 7th of \$287.71, after all expenses of the fiscal year, closing on that day, had been mut. A number of very valuable additions have been made to the library of the society while many interesting pictures had been given or lent.

STMAS ENTERTAINMENT
OF SMITHDEAL SOCIETY

OF be entered upon by the "Publication Com-mittee." He took occasion to express the gruittude of the society to fir. Samuel H. Yonge, United States engineer, station-ed here, for original work done in con-nection with excavations at Jamestown, to Hon. D. Q. Eggleston; Hon. W. W. Scott, former State Librarian, and Hon. John Pendleton Kennedy, present libra-rian, for courtesies extended. In this con-nection, President McCabs added: "Mr. Kennedy takes the deepest inter-est in all of the public records entrusted to his care, and has given abundant car-

to his care, and has given abundant ear-nest in the improvements made under the new conditions, that his zeal, ability and easy mastery of the latest methods of library administration may be counted on to make the best use of the wide oppor tunity afforded now for the first tin maké the library practically useful to carnest historical students."

Officers Elected.

The repert was followed by the annual election of officers. The chair selected Messrs. H. R. Pollard, J. S. Moore and Alex: W. Weddell, to compose the Nominating Committee. In a few moments Mr. Pollard brought in the following report:

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For president, W. Gordon McCabe! vicepresidents, Colonel Archer Anderson, Mr.
Edward V. Valentine and President Lyon
G. Tylor, of William and Mary College;
corresponding secretary and Ilbrarian,
William G. Stanard; recording secretary,
D. C. Richardson; treasurer, Robert T.
Brooks, Executive Committee: Joseph
Iryan, Charles V. Meredith, B. B. Munford, Edward Wilson James, Norfolk; W.
Mcade Clark, Charles W. Kent, University of Virginia; Armistead C. Gordon,
Staunton; S. S. P. Patteson, J. A. C.
Chandler, S. C. Mitchell, John P. McGuite sand Samuel H. Yonge.

Mr. Pollard laid the report as a whole
nefore the gociety, and it was promptly
adopted.

Captain McCabe briefly, but none the

less gracefully and eloquently, thanked the society for its new expression of con-fidence and regard, and at once presented

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Bishop Randolph, who, he declared, was far too well known in Virginia to be in-troduced. Revival of Interest.

Revival of Interest.

The distinguished speaker contended for a revival of interest in the study of history. As if to meet the objections of the short-sighted, the speaker declared:
"Doubless there are those in all societies who regard reverence for the past and solicitude for the future, as fantastic and useless. There are those who will meet an appeal for an endowment of some cause of philanthropy or education with the argument that each generation must take ears of itself; that we have enough to do in bearing our own burdens and providing for our present exigences and the next generation must do the same thing for themselves. Upon that principle there would be little history to record and no progressive civilization. We build our homes for our children to live in. We plant trees on our old homes under whose shade our children will play. An unconscious instinct is always with us and God put it there to work for the future."

ture."

Speaking of how time separates the great from the small and throws the latter to the idle winds to be watted no one cares whither, Bishop Randolph said:
"But there are names in all communities, and in all historic nations that history will not permit to die, concerning whom she feels it her mission and her duty to keep their portraits undimmed as the generations go on.

The Immortals.

"And these are not the names of those who created perhaps quite a str in their little or their great circles of notoriety, or of those who possess only arbitrary claims to honor from the traditions that claims to honor from the traditions that beloing to the positions they occupy, not to dignitaries or important personages of all kinds and sorts, not to great financiers, although they are often worthy of commendation from a community or a nation, for qualities of judgment and foresight and energy, not for the holders of the great fortunes of the world, the objects of envy to the multitude and the objects of adulation to the people who are seeking to attract their attention to their seeking to attract their attention to their seeking to attract their attention to their individual enterprises or even to their church charities. Of these people many of them are good doubtless, and conselentious and useful, and many of them are ad and baneful in their day and generation. The men who are the leaders in the game of speculation and whose example has fired the young blood of a generation with the poleon of the massion, of has fired the young blood of a generation with the poison of the passion of gambling under the garb of honest bust ness, history has nothing to do with such people as these, except to point to them as rocks and quicksands, strewn with the wrecks of the bodies and the souls of men and of communities. These are not the names upon which history centers the aft of immortality. These are of another spirit, and they belong to another family. Greatness in high places or lowly offices since Christ came into this world has one constant test, one assence of character without which history refuses the title. Self-surrender, or self-sacrifice are, in the judgments of history, the criterions of greatness. Robert E. Lee.

Robert E. Lee was one whom history had crowned with the wreath of wild olive. Of him the speaker said:

"As we stand by his tomb at Lexington, we think of the scene in Washington of the crucial decision of his life. The populations of the North and the South, children and childish in their ignorance of war, thought, it would be over in ninety days. He knew it would be a long and deadly struggle, the like of which the world had not seen before. He loved the Union, he loved the old army of which deadly struggle, the like of which the world had not seen before. He loved the Union, he loved the old army of which he was the pride. He knew that the highest possible he had across the Potomac River and saw the problem of negro-shavery gill unsolved even in the event of the success of the South, but in the event of her fallure he saw a darker problem, on negro suffrage and equality looming upon the horizon. He lived to see his country, built upon the doctrine of the pociarntion of Independence, and upon the denial of taxation without representation, heeping the Southern States out of Congress for ten years, and governing them like conquered provinces, and while they were out, making new laws and Constitutions, that bind them forever, and in many of the States making the negrees masters of everything.

"He did not live to see the dawn of a better era, and the returning sense of justice."

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"But the rewards of ambition, and the fears and apprehensions in the heroscope of the future, had no place by the side of duty and conscience, and the love of his people."

No repegt of the splendid address can do it justice, nor will excerpts in a limited number give an adequate idea of its many admirable qualities. Nothing but the entire address would be sufficient, and to this must be added the distinguished prelate's charn of delivery.

The applause, which it brought forth, was prolonged and hearty. Dr. Jones moved that the society extend a vote of thanks to Bishop Randolph. This was done, the entire audience rising.

Skating Everywhere.

Skating, the most popular of all wister sports, can now be indulated in at all the lakes and pends near the city. Popular meeting places for skaters yesterday wer Lakour Young's Pund, Reservoir Lake and Forest full "Skates sharpened" is a sign that has teef out some days.

City Sergeant Appointed. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PERERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 18—Judga A.
T. Embrey to-day appointed J. Couvey
Chichestor city sergeant, vice D. S. Russoll,
residenced. Mr. Chichester is soon of the latJudga Chichester, of Fairfax County Court. and
brother of Judga R. H. L. Chichestor, of Stafford County Court.

IMPORTANT ARREST IN WASHINGTON

Wealthy Real Estate Man of San Francisco Held on a Serious Charge.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Doc. 18,-John

A. Henson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, charged by the Interior Department, with being the head of the alleged land frauds, extending over dozen Western States and Territories, to which Becretary Hitchcock referred vigorously and at length in his annual report, was arrested here to-day at the Willard Hotel by Secret Service Officer John

Was arrested here to-day at the Hotel by Secret Service Officer John Aburn's just as he was preparing to leave the city for New York.

The charge on which the arrest was made, was bribery, it being alleged in the affildavit of Mr. Burns and in the warrant, that Benson had paid \$500 to Woodford D. Hurlen, former chief of the special service division of the General Land Office, and now a clerk in that office, on March 15th of this year, for the purpose of extracting from him information regarding the investigation of his operations, at that time being made by the land office. Benson was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have a preliminary hearing of his case postpened, and the date for such hearing was fixed for December 30th, He gave bail in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance, when the government attorneys will ask to have him held for the granu jury.

AYCOCK ON THE NEGRO

Makes Speech in Maryland City.

THE TARHEEL SOCIETY ONE IS ONLY A MILE SQUARE

Cotton Bolls, Pine Trees and Flags of Maryland and North Carolina Form Decorations.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 18.—Cotton bolls, pine trees and flags of Maryland and North Carolina were the principal decorations at the first annual dinner of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore to-night in the banquet hall of the new Carrollton Hotel. Three hundred persons. many of whom were from distant points sat at the table, guests of the new soselety. Dr. Edwin Geer, president of the society, was toastmaster, and introduced the guests. Governor-elect Edwin Field was the first speaker, and welcomed the

the guests. Governor-elect Edwin Field was the first speaker, and welcomed the guests. He was followed by Governor Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina, who spoke in part as follows:

"I am broud of my State because we have solved the negro problem which recently seems to have given you some trouble We have taken him out of polities, and have thereby secured good government under any party, and laid foundations for the ruture development of both races. We have secured peace and rendered prosperity a certainty. I am inclined to give to you our solution of this problem.

LET HIM ALONE.

It is, first, as far as possible under the fifteenth amendment to disfranchise him; after that let him alone; quit writing about him; quit talking about him; quit making him "the white man's burden"; altite his own skillet"; quit

after that let him alone; quit writing about him; quit talking about him; quit making him "the white man's burden"; let him "tote his own skillet"; quit codding him; let him learn that no man, no race, ever got anything worth the having that he did not himself earn; that character is the outcome of sacrifice, and worth is the result of toll; that whatever his future may be, the present has in it for him nothing that is not the product of industry, thrift, obedience to law and uprightness; that he cannot, by resolution of council or league accomplish anything; that he can do much by work; that violence may gratify his pessions, but it cannot accomplish his ambition; that he may cat rarely of the cooking of equality, but he will always find when he does that there is death in the pot. Let the negro learn once for all that there is unending separation of the races; that the two peoples may develop side by side to the fullest, but that they cannot intermingle. Let the white man determine that no man shall by act or thought or speech cross this line, and the race problem will be at an end. be at an end. NOT IN ENMITY.

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NOT IN ENMITY.

These things are not said in enmity to the negro, but in regard for him 4.

He constitutes one-third of the population of my State, He has always been my personal friend. As a lawyer I have often defended him, and as Governor I have frequently protected him. But there flowed in my veins the blood of the dominant race—that race has conquered the earth and seeks out the mysteries of the heights and depths. If manifests desting leads to the seizure of Panama it is certain that it likewise leads to the dominance of the Caucasian. When the negro recognizes this fact we shall have peace and good will between the races.

But I would not have the white people forget their duly to the negro. We must seek the truth and pursue it. We owe an obligation to "the man in black." We brought him here. He served us well. He is patient and teachable. We owe him gratitude. Above all, we owe him gratitude, Above all, we owe him gratitude, and to magnify his faults. We cannot change his color, neither can we ignore his service. No individual ever "rose on stepping stones of dead" others, "to higher things," and no people can. We must rise by ourselves; we must execute judgment in righteousness; we must execute judgment in surface, but see to it that the negro has an opportnity for education.

AFRAID OF ONE THING.

As a white man. I am afraid of but one thing for my race, and that is that we shall become afraid to give the negro a fair chance. The first duty of every man is to develop himself to the uttermost, and the only limitation upon this duty is that he shall take pains to see that in plits own development he does no injury to those beneath him. This is true of races as well as of individuals. Considered properly, it is not a limitation, but a condition of development.

The white man in the South can never attain to his fullest growth until he does absolute justice to the negro race. If he is doing that now, it is well for him. If he is not doing it, he must seek to know the ways of truth and pursue them."

them."
Congressman Edward W. Pou, North
Carolina; Dr. Charles G. Hill, M. J.
Nolley, of Baltimore, and other afterdinner talkers also spoke.

IS DECLARATION OF WAR WITH COLOMBIA

Senator Morgan Introduces Resolution on Subject of Panama Revolution.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON Dec. 18.—Senator Mergan to-day introduced a resolution declaring that the Presiden has no right caring that the Presider's has no right to wage or declare way against any foreign power without the consent of Confign power without the consent of Confign power without the consent of Configns; that the provision of the canality that the president has a configurate the configuration of the president has not power without the consent of Congress to prevent Colombia; that the President has not power without the consent of Congress to prevent Colombia; the president has not power without the consent of Congress to prevent Colombia; the provident of the prevent of the consent of Panama; that a state of war exists between Colombia and Panama, and that Colombia, if not prevented, it able to repress the secession. The resolution of the Sonate and the House of Represonatives in 1809 is repeated; the sense of this is that the government of the United States looks with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government with the construction and control of any ship canal across the isthmus.

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MANY TINY **REPUBLICS**

The Governor of North Carolina Europe is Dotted With Little Baby States That Call Themselves Frec.

Nearly All Owe Their Existence to Jealousy of Powers or to

Their Inaccessibility.

(From London Tid-Bits.)
To many people the fact that there are a number of flourishing independent republics in existence at present which are practically unknown to the outside world will exem almost incredible. There are, nowever, tiny States in various parts of Europe so completely from the rest of the world that fow maps show any trace of them. But, in spite of this, they are very important communities in themselves, and can boast of a prospérous existence which would be a credit to any State.

One of the most interesting of these Tom Thumb republics is Andorra, an almost inaccessible State of about 6,800 habitants, situated in the eastern Pyrennes. Andorra was declared a free State as long ago as the ninth century by Charlemagne, and at the present time holds a kind of seni-independent position between France and Spain. The epublic, however, is governed by its war representatives, who constitute a severelga council of twenty-four memorrs, which council elects a president overy four years.

MAINTAIN AN ARMY.
The chief occupations of the Andor-Andorra was declared a

MAINTAIN AN ARMY.
The chief occupations of the Andorranes are agriculture, cattle breeding,
trade in wood, charcoal and wood, and especially smuggling. At the same time
liey are good-natured, hard working,
tospitable people, and, needless to say,
are devoted to liberty, which they are
propared to defend with a standing army
of 1100 men.

About 150 miles from Andorra, in the isasses Pyrennes, is to be found another niniature republic, which, so far as trea is concerned, has the distinction of

niniature republic, which, so far as trea is concerned, has the distinction of seing the smallest self-governed State in an world. It is called St. Goust, and is ardly a square mile in area. The population numbers about 130 souls, who rule itemselves, mainly owing to the fact hat the little State is so hard to get at hat no one will take the trouble to after is constitution.

St. Goust is situated on a rocky mountin top, which is so steep that when mybody dies it is quite impossible to have an ordinary funeral. A coffin coffid of the carried down the mountain side, and consequently the inhabitants have ut a groove into the face of the rock, will the coffin is made fast to a rope and allowed to slide down to the cemery in Ossan Valley below, where all baptisms and marriages are performed. The president of St. Goust, who is also lacted by a council of twelve, which is hosen for five years by the people, the little republic having been ruled for more than two thousand years through the smallest Republican. State in re-

HAS SEVENTY INHABITANTS. The smallest Republican State in regard to population is Pavolara, a little known island about five miles long, with an average width of half a mile, situated off the north coast of Sardinia. Many maps and geography books totally ignore the existence of this State. Yet it is a free and independent republic of about soventy inhabitants, who are their own rulers.

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The poople of Tavolara declared their independence as recently as 1888, the island having previously been made over in 1888 tp King Charles Albert of Scredinia to the Bartoleoni family. None of the great powers objected whon the lisland threw off the yoke of monarghy, and during the last seventeen years, the inhabitants have lived at pecuca with the world. They elect a president every six years, and a council of six members, all of whom serve the State without payment.

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Jealousy between Belgium and Prussia has enabled the inhabitants of a tiny territory, called Moresnet, near Aix-la-Chapello, to enjoy the rights of Republican citizenship for the last two centuries. The two countries mentioned could not agree as to who should own Moresnet, and consequently they decided to make it neutral country. There are about 3,000 neople in Moresnet, who elect their own president and council of five, in whom the government of the rebublic is vested.

ON NOBODY'S ISLAND.

It is also owing to a disagreement between Austria and Servia that the folk who have taken up their residence on a certain little island in the Danube pay no taxes and acknowledge allegiance to nobody. The island, which has very appropriately been called Nobody's Island, was formed many years ago by the accumulation of mud and sand carried down the great river by a flood. Since then Austria and Servia have been quarreling about its possession.

At low water the island is almost connected with the Servian shore by a narrow tongue of sand, while at high water it lies nearer the Austrian Island of Oszetovare. Consequently, no one can dee do to whom it really belongs, and, as the island is not worth enough to make it advisable for the Servian or the Austrian Government to fight over its possession, the inhabitants are left entirely to themselves.

San Marino, a queer little Italian republic, situated among the eastern sturs of the Apennines, is somewhat larger than any of the aforementioned States, This republic has an area of thirty-three square miles, and a population at nearly soll-elected, of whom one-third are no bles. From this number are selected decouncil of twelve, who superintend using grand council of state, A standing timy of 150 men is maintained, whose chief employment, nowwer, is that of acting as pollecmen.

Cotton Statistics.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Following are the weekly cotton statistics; Isales of all kinds 30 do; totals bales of American 28.-000, Englansh spinners taking 6,000; total spinners of American 28.000; import of American 120,000; s \$\frac{1}{2}\$ th of all kinds 444,000; stock of American 31 duly kinds 444,000; stock of American 32 duly kinds 444,000; stock of American 31 duly kinds 444,000; stock of American 32 duly kinds 444,000; stock of American 32 duly cantily affoat, all kinds 387,000; quantity affoat, american 328,000; total sales to export, or \$1,600.

A Standing Comparison. The Legislature should pass Mr. Grave, y's bill appropriating a million dellaws for a new capitol. The contrast between the State capitol of Virginia and the City itali or Riemmond is a perpetual source of humiliation to all right thinking Virginians, preserving Index-Appeal.

Easily Done, When the State Stritot hullding is converted into a museum for Virginia curios the change will not be noticed hy a great many people.—Newport News Fress.

Right Rev. Thomas Fielding Scott, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in Oregon, was elected to that omes in 1853. The fittleth anniversary of his con coration will occur in Fortland on January 8 next.

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WILL FIGHT US IF IT BE NECESSARY

Colombia Will Ask for Arbitration, and if That Fails Will go to War.

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(By Associated Press.)

10 10 The "United Co PARIS, Dec. 18 .- The "United Colombian Committee" here gave out a statement o-day, saying that Colombia would first seck, through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails, Colombia will ask for the commission of the question to The Hague Arbitration Court; third, if its submission to The Hague Court is on the Latin republics to come to her refused. Colombia will go to war and rely

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Prank Wilson, a base-ball player, who pitched in the Atlantic Club of the Southern League last season, shot and killed William Saffold, a negro barber, in this city to-day. It is stated that the aggre Clab of the Southern League last zeason, and and killed William Saffold, a negro barber, in this city to-day, it is stated that the surprise was advancing on Wilson with a razor, when Wilson fred four times, one of the butter taking effect and causing Saffold's death, the case of Jackson Ville. Charged with the murder of Jackson Ville. Charged with the murder of Jackson the Charged to the butter of Jackson the Charged with the murder of Jackson the Jackson that the case of Jackson the Jackson that the murder of Jackson hours. Starke will be tried again in February. His plea was temporary insanity. IKNONVILLE, TENN.—The Tennesses Educational Conference, convened litere to-day seems of the University of Tennesses Houded by sensor officers and toading the dead by sensor officers and toading League the University of Tennesses and Conference and Jackson the University of Tennesses and the University of Tennesses and toading League to League the University of Tennesses and toading League to League the University of Tennesses and the League to League the University of Tennesses and the League to League the University of Tennesses and the League to League the University of Tennesses and the League the League the University of Tennesses and the League the League the University of Tennesses and the League the League to League the League the League to League the League the League to League to League the League to League the

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ment of thirty cents per mental for the description.

WASHINGTON.—Replying to questions submitted by the dishurcing officer of the State of Georgia the Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that officers and enlisted men of the oracled millight of the State of Georgia in controlled millight of the State of Georgia are extended in the pay, subsistence and transcription provided for in section 14 of the activation provided for in section 14 of the activation provided for in section 14 of the practice at Seagirt N. J. This deel ton in practice at Seagirt N. J. This deel ton in the section 14 of the Section 14 of the section 14 of the section 15 of the Section

A Question.

If I should come and say to you,
Now, tell me honestly and true.
Does Santa go from house to house,
All loaded down, still assa mouse,
And leave us all our pretty things,
Our dolls and play things, beads and
rings.

rings, if I should say, "now tell me true," You would, wouldn't you?

But if dear, Santa isn't true,
And I should ask this thing of you,
Bout how he brings such loads of toys
To all the little girls and boys.
If I should say "Please tell me true,"
You wouldn't would you.
—Adelaido Upton Crosby.

IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

In addition to selling dates already announced by the Southern Railway, Special Hollday Tickets will be on sale to students and teachers presenting certificates. December 28d and 24th, with return limit January 8th, 1804. turn limit January 8th, 1804. C. W. WESTBURY, D. P. A.